

REMARKSClaim Amendments

Claims 1 and 3 are amended. Claim 1 is amended to correct an obvious clerical error. Support for this amendment is found in the specification, *e.g.*, at page 19, lines 2-4. Claim 3 is amended for clarification purposes. Support for this amendment is found in the specification *e.g.*, at page 4, lines 16-20 and Figure 1.

Telephonic Interview Summary

On November 6, 2007, Examiner Hill telephoned Applicants' representative, Vivien J. Tannoch-Magin to propose additional claim amendments. The Examiner indicated that Claim 1 was missing the word "extent" in the phrase "...occurred to a lesser extent in the presence of...". Examiner Hill also suggested that Claim 3 should be amended for clarification purposes to recite reference to Figure 1 as "wherein amino acid numbers refer to the positions as indicated in Figure 1," similar to claim language in U.S. Patent No. 6,506,554, a parent case of the present application. The Examiner indicated that this amendment would be clearer than the amendment to Claim 3 submitted on August 20, 2007.

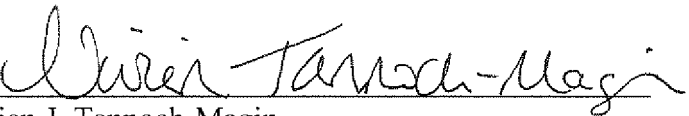
Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicants are filing this Supplemental Amendment. Entry of the Supplemental Amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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